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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., displays the signed article of impeachment against President Donald Trump in an engrossment ceremony before transmission to the Senate for trial on Capitol Hill, in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021.

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# Trump impeached after Capitol riot in historic second charge

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a historic second time Wednesday, charged with "incitement of insurrection" over the deadly mob siege of the Capitol in a swift and stunning collapse of his final days in office.

With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump. The proceedings moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol, egged on by the president's calls for them to "fight like hell" against the election results.

Ten Republicans fled Trump, joining Democrats who said he needed to be held accountable and warned ominously of a "clear and present danger" if Congress should leave him unchecked before

Democrat Joe Biden's inauguration Jan. 20.

Trump is the only U.S. president to be twice impeached. It was the most bipartisan presidential impeachment in modern times, more so than against Bill Clinton in 1998.

The Capitol insurrection stunned and angered lawmakers, who were sent scrambling for safety as the mob descended, and it revealed the fragility of the nation's history of peaceful transfers of power. The riot also forced a reckoning among some Republicans, who have stood by Trump throughout his presidency and largely allowed him to spread false attacks against the integrity of the 2020 election.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi invoked Abraham Lincoln and the Bible, imploring lawmakers to uphold their oath to defend the Constitution from all enemies, foreign "and domestic."

She said of Trump: "He must go, he is a clear and present danger to the nation that we all love."



In this image from video, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., speaks as the Senate reconvenes after protesters stormed into the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021.

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Holed up at the White House, watching the proceedings on TV, Trump later released a video statement in which he made no mention at all of the impeachment but appealed to his supporters to refrain from any further violence or disruption of Biden's inauguration.

"Like all of you, I was shocked and deeply saddened by the calamity at the Capitol last week," he

said, his first condemnation of the attack. He appealed for unity "to move forward" and said, "Mob violence goes against everything I believe in and everything our movement stands for. ... No true supporter of mine could ever disrespect law enforcement."

Trump was first impeached by the House in 2019 over his dealings with Ukraine, but the Senate voted in 2020 acquit. He is the first president to be impeached twice. None has been convicted by the Senate, but Republicans said Wednesday that could change in the rapidly shifting political environment as officeholders, donors, big business and others peel away from the defeated president.

The soonest Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell would start an impeachment trial is next Tuesday, the day before Trump is already set to leave the White House, McConnell's office said. The legislation is also intended to prevent Trump from ever running again.

McConnell believes Trump committed impeachable offenses and considers the Democrats' impeachment drive an opportunity to reduce the divisive, chaotic president's hold on the GOP, a Republican strategist told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

McConnell told major donors over the weekend that he was through with Trump, said the strategist,

who demanded anonymity to describe McConnell's conversations.

Unlike his first time, Trump faces this impeachment as a weakened leader, having lost his own reelection as well as the Senate Republican majority.

Even Trump ally Kevin McCarthy, the House Republican leader, shifted his position and said Wednesday the president bears responsibility for the horrifying day at the Capitol.

In making a case for the "high crimes and misdemeanors" demanded in the Constitution, the four-page impeachment resolution approved Wednesday relies on Trump's own incendiary rhetoric and the falsehoods he spread about Biden's election victory, including at a rally near the White House on the day of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.

A Capitol Police officer died from injuries suffered in the riot, and police shot and killed a woman during the siege. Three other people died in what authorities said were medical emergencies. The riot delayed the tally of Electoral College votes that was the last step in finalizing Biden's victory.

Ten Republican lawmakers, including third-ranking House GOP leader Liz Cheney of Wyoming, voted to impeach Trump, cleaving the Republican leadership, and the party itself. □



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## Housing advocates call on Biden to extend eviction ban

By MICHAEL CASEY

Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)**—Housing advocates around the country staked out courthouses and held rallies Wednesday, calling on the incoming Biden administration to extend and strengthen the current federal ban on evictions.

President Donald Trump's directive, implemented in September by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was extended until the end of January. Given the pandemic is still ongoing, advocates argue tenants should have protections for the next several months and that the ban should be expanded beyond only tenants who cannot pay their rent.

"Today, was an opportunity to stand in solidarity with the people," said Alan Tanner, a minister at St. Luke's Christian AME Zion Church who spoke at a rally in Boston, one of 17 on Wednesday in 14 states.

Several dozen tenants, advocates and small landlords gathered outside a housing court in Boston, chanting "Housing is the Cure" and holding signs including "Eviction Free Zone" and "Ban Utility Shutoffs." They marched to the nearby John F. Kennedy Federal Building to call on federal action to address evictions. About a dozen cars also



Tenants' rights advocates demonstrate in front of the Edward W. Brooke Courthouse, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, in Boston. The protest was part of a national day of action calling on the incoming Biden administration to extend the eviction moratorium initiated in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

circled the housing court, honking their horns.

"We need regulation and legislation that is going to prevent evictions," he said.

"We need an extension of the moratorium. We need something more strict and stern than even than the eviction ban, something that is not temporary and will last through the duration of the pandemic."

Bans on eviction were used early on in the pandemic by states and cities to keep tenants housed and avoid a spike in homelessness. But with most of those

expired, the federal ban is the only remaining protection preventing the more than 23 million renters from being evicted.

Expectations are high that one of the first things Joe Biden does when taking office will be extending that CDC eviction order. Advocates are also pressing him to include tens of billions of dollars in rental assistance in the next coronavirus relief bill. That would be on top of the \$25 billion approved in the \$900 billion coronavirus relief bill passed by Congress in December.

"We're calling on President-elect Biden on his first day, his first hour to sign a new executive order implementing a new extended strengthened enforced eviction moratorium for the duration of the pandemic," Diane Yentel, president of the National Low-Income Housing Coalition, said.

"When he comes into office, the current federal eviction moratorium is set to expire 11 days later. It is literally impossible for the \$25 billion of emergency rental assistance to get to the tenants and small

landlords who need those funds," she continued. "The eviction moratorium has to be extended in order to continue to create protection for tenants while states and localities work to get emergency rental assistance out to tenants who need it most."

The organizers behind Tuesday's protests, Right To The City Alliance, also said Congress needs to move to cancel any rent or mortgage debt related to the pandemic. Along with a rally and march in Boston, protesters built a living room in front of the CDC headquarters in Atlanta and a mariachi band played outside the home of a Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors member.

"Millions of families, most of them people of color who are also frontline workers, are living in fear of ending up on the street month to month even as this pandemic continues to kill us," Kamau Walton, senior organizer for communications with the Right To The City Alliance, said in a statement. "This isn't just about housing, this is about protecting public health." Biden has repeatedly talked about wanting to extend the moratorium until the end of the pandemic. Details from his transition team are expected in the days and weeks ahead. □

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## U.S. Space Command site to be located in Huntsville, Alabama

By KIM CHANDLER

Associated Press

**MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)**—

The U.S. Air Force is expected to announce Huntsville, Alabama, as the location for the U.S. Space Command headquarters, according to Alabama's governor.

Gov. Kay Ivey said that Huntsville's Redstone Region is set to house the headquarters. The governor said she was informed of the decision Wednesday morning.

The role of the Space Command is to conduct operations such as enabling satellite-based navigation and troop communication and

providing warning of missile launches. That is different from the Space Force, which is a distinct military service like the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

"I couldn't be more pleased to learn that Alabama will be the new home to the United States Space Command," Ivey said in a statement.

"Our state has long provided exceptional support for our military and their families as well as a rich and storied history when it comes to space exploration," Ivey said.

Huntsville's nickname, Rocket City, is thanks large-

ly to Wernher von Braun and his team of fellow German-born rocketeers who settled there in the 1950s. The city has long been home to the Army's Redstone Arsenal and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.

Ivey's office said Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations Bob Moriarity called Ivey to inform her of Secretary Barbara Barrett's decision over where the headquarters would be.

A number of states competed for the site.

Other finalists for the site were Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico, Offutt Air



In this Aug. 29, 2019 file photo, President Donald Trump watches with Vice President Mike Pence and Defense Secretary Mark Esper as the flag for U.S. space Command is unfurled as Trump announces the establishment of the U.S. Space Command in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

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Force Base in Nebraska, Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado, Port San Antonio in

Texas and Patrick Air Force Base in Brevard County, Florida. □



# NTSB says vehicle battery fires pose risks to 1st responders

By TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

**DETROIT (AP)** — Electric vehicle fires pose safety risks to first responders and guidelines from manufacturers about how to deal with them have been inadequate, according to U.S. investigators.

There are also gaps in industry safety standards and research on high-voltage lithium-ion battery fires, especially in high-speed, severe crashes, the National Transportation Safety Board said Wednesday.

The agency, which has no enforcement powers and can only make recommendations, called for manufacturers to write vehicle-specific response guides for fighting battery fires and limiting chemical thermal runaway and reignition. The guidelines also should include information on how to safely store vehicles with damaged lithium-ion batteries.

The recommendations come at a time when automakers are rolling out multiple new electric vehicle models, with many in the industry perceiving an inflection point in switching from gasoline power to cleaner electricity.

The agency in its Wednesday report also asked firefighter and auto towing associations to inform members about fire risks and



This undated photo provided by National Transportation Safety Board, The Orange County Fire Authority battles a fire on a burning vehicle inside a garage in Orange County, Calif.

Associated Press

how to deal with energy remaining in the battery after a crash, and on how to safely store a vehicle with a damaged battery.

And it's asking the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to include the availability of an emergency response guide when it calculates five-star vehicle safety scores.

NHTSA also should build a coalition to research ways to de-energize batteries and reduce hazards from thermal runaway, a chemical reaction that causes uncontrolled battery temperature and pressure increases. The NTSB started

investigating battery fires after crashes and fires in Lake Forest and Mountain View, California, and in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in 2017 and 2018. It also probed a non-crash fire in West Hollywood, California. Three of the batteries reignited after fires were extinguished.

All four vehicles were made by Tesla, which is the top-selling electric vehicle maker in the U.S.

"The risks of electric shock and battery reignition/fire arise from the 'stranded' energy that remains in a damaged battery," the agency said.

In the August, 2017 fire in

Lake Forest, a Tesla Model X battery caught fire after the vehicle left a road and crashed into a residential garage at a high speed. Thomas Barth, an NTSB engineer and highway investigator, said in an agency video that firefighters poured thousands of gallons of water onto the roof of the vehicle. "They didn't realize that they had to direct water onto the battery compartment under the car to cool the battery and stop the reaction causing the fire," he said.

In an 80-page report the NTSB wrote that a review of emergency response

guidelines from 36 manufacturers found that all had ways to mitigate the risk of high-voltage shocks including methods for disconnecting the battery. But none of the guides spoke to limiting the risk of energy stored in the batteries, such as procedures for minimizing reignition or instructions on where and how to spray water to cool the batteries, the agency said.

One way to deal with damaged batteries is to pull them from the vehicle and soak them in a saltwater bath to discharge the energy, the NTSB wrote.

In a statement, NHTSA said that last week it started a battery safety initiative to address growing concerns about electric vehicle and structure fires ignited by batteries. Under the initiative, the agency will analyze data, investigate fires and oversee investigations of electric vehicle crashes, the agency said.

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation, a large automaker trade group, said it will review the recommendations and is working with fire associations, NHTSA, the Society of Automotive Engineers and others to improve safety.

Messages were left Wednesday seeking comment from Tesla and the National Fire Protection Association. □

## Navajo Nation, New Mexico reach settlements over mine spill



In this Aug. 6, 2015, file photo, Dan Bender of the La Plata County Sheriff's Office takes a water sample from the Animas River near Durango, Colo., after the accidental release of an estimated 3 million gallons of waste from the Gold King Mine.

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By S. MONTOYA BRYAN

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

— The Navajo Nation's Department of Justice announced Wednesday it has

settled with mining companies to resolve claims stemming from a 2015 spill that resulted in rivers in three western states being fouled with a bright-yellow plume of arsenic, lead and other heavy metals.

Under the settlement with the Navajo Nation, Sunnyside Gold Corp. — a subsidiary of Canada's Kinross Gold — will pay the tribe \$10 million.

The spill released 3 million gallons (11 million liters) of wastewater from the inactive Gold King Mine in southwestern Colorado. A crew hired by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency triggered the spill

while trying to excavate the mine opening in preparation for a possible cleanup. The wastewater made its way into the Animas River and eventually down to the San Juan River, setting off a major response by government agencies, the tribe and private groups.

Water utilities were forced to shut down intake valves and farmers stopped drawing from the rivers as the plume moved downstream. The tribe said the toxic water coursed through 200 miles (322 kilometers) of river on Navajo lands. "The Gold King Mine blowout damaged entire communities and ecosystems in the

Navajo Nation," Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez said in a statement announcing the settlement. "We pledged to hold those who caused or contributed to the blowout responsible, and this settlement is just the beginning."

The tribe's claims against the EPA and its contractors remain pending. About 300 individual tribal members also have claims pending as part of a separate lawsuit. Nez added: "It is time that the United States fulfills its promise to the Navajo Nation and provides the relief needed for the suffering it has caused the Navajo Nation and its people." □



# U.S. cancels ambassador's controversial trip to Taiwan

By HUIZHONG WU

Associated Press

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)** — The U.S. State Department canceled the planned Taiwan visit by its U.N. ambassador that has drawn strong opposition and a warning from China.

The department announced it was canceling all senior-level overseas travels, including Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's planned trip to Belgium, in a decision to assist with the transition to the next administration.

U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Kelly Craft was due to begin a three-day visit Wednesday, which would have involved meetings with Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen and Foreign Minister Joseph Wu as well as delivering a speech.

Craft's trip was one of two moves in the twilight days of the Trump administration that increases official exchanges with the self-ruled island while also provoking China, which claims Tai-



In this Dec. 5, 2019, file photo, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Kelly Craft attends a luncheon with President Donald Trump and members of the United Nations Security Council in the Cabinet Room at the White House in Washington.

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wan as part of its territory. The U.S. and China have clashed on everything from the origins of the pandemic to Hong Kong. China had already warned the U.S. would pay a "heavy price"

in response to the planned visit.

It follows an announcement from Pompeo on Saturday that the U.S. would remove longstanding restrictions on how its diplomats and oth-

ers have contact with their Taiwanese counterparts.

Under the Trump administration and bipartisan support from Congress, relations with Taiwan has warmed up considerably, with the government increasing the frequency and quality of weapons sales to the island's government. Craft herself had a public lunch with Taiwan's top official in New York, James K.J. Lee, director of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York, a meeting she called "historic."

She would have been the third high-level U.S. official to visit Taiwan in recent months. In August last year, U.S. Health Secretary Alex Azar became the highest-level U.S. Cabinet official to visit since the U.S. switched formal relations from Taiwan to China in 1979.

Taiwan is a sensitive issue for China's ruling Communist Party, which considers the self-governing island democracy of 23.6 million

people a renegade province that should be brought under its rule.

Under the "One China" policy, the U.S. recognizes Beijing as the government of China and doesn't have diplomatic relations with Taiwan. However, it maintains unofficial contacts including a de facto embassy in Taipei, the capital, and supplies military equipment for the island's defense.

In Beijing, the Cabinet's Taiwan Affairs Office declined to say whether the cancellation of Craft's visit was a positive sign for China-U.S. relations.

"Our position is very clear. We resolutely oppose all official exchanges between the U.S. side and the Taiwan area, demand the U.S. immediately cease their wrong approach," spokesperson Zhu Fenglian told reporters at a biweekly news briefing.

An expert said the visit would have also presented a dilemma for the Taiwanese government. □

## Survey finds global mistrust could weigh on vaccine rollout

By PAN PYLAS

Associated Press

**(AP)** — Waning trust in governments and all types of media is threatening to limit the rollout of coronavirus vaccines around the world, particularly in the United States, according to a survey conducted by communications firm Edelman.

In an annual assessment on the state of trust in institutions, the firm found that this "infodemic" is breed-

ing mistrust that could make longer the path out from the pandemic.

"This is the era of information bankruptcy," said Richard Edelman, CEO of Edelman.

He said last week's storming of the Capitol building in Washington and the fact that only a third of people are willing to get a COVID-19 vaccine straight away "crystallize the dangers of misinformation."

The firm found skepticism

over vaccines remains a major hurdle for their successful rollout.

Across the 28 countries assessed, it found that as of November only a little below two-thirds of respondents said they would be willing to take the vaccine within a year.

That hesitancy was most prevalent in Russia, with

just 15% of people surveyed willing to get vaccinated as soon as possible and only a further 25% comfortable with the idea of doing so within a year. In the U.S., it found a total of 59% of people were willing to get vaccinated within a year with just 33% happy to do so as soon as possible. The highest levels of trust

were recorded in India, with 51% looking forward to taking up the vaccine opportunity immediately and a further 29% within a year, for a total of 80%. Governments and health practitioners around the world will be hoping that skeptics will be won over by a smooth rollout of the vaccines. □



A woman wearing a face mask to help curb the spread of the coronavirus rides a subway car in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Jan. 11, 2021.

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### Conversion of the Government of Aruba (GOA) bearer bonds into electronic registered bonds



The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA), designated as the emission bank of the GOA to issue GOA bonds, informs you as follows.

Pursuant to the State Decree regarding government securities (AB 1988 no. 6), as amended by the State Decree AB 2014 no. 64, the CBA is in the process of converting the outstanding GOA bearer bonds into electronic registered bonds on a voluntary basis. By converting bearer bonds into electronic bonds, bondholders do not need to safeguard their physical bonds anymore, and the CBA will automatically transfer the principal and interest payments to the registered bank account of the bondholders.

The CBA hereby invites all GOA bondholders who have not yet initiated their conversion process, to contact their respective commercial bank as soon as possible. To authorize this conversion, the bondholders must fill out and sign an authorization form at their respective commercial banks. Subsequently, the commercial banks are required to submit this form, together with a copy of a valid ID of the bondholder, to the CBA to start the conversion process. The CBA, in close cooperation with the commercial banks, will then convert the notified GOA bearer bonds into electronic registered bonds within 1 week. Once the GOA bonds are converted and registered, the commercial banks will provide the respective bondholder with a confirmation of the successful conversion.



# Advocacy group: Biden should revamp U.S. human rights policy

By JAMEY KEATEN  
Associated Press

**GENEVA (AP)** — U.S. President-elect Joe Biden should bring “fundamental change” to U.S. policy on human rights and allow criminal investigations of President Donald Trump, the head of Human Rights Watch said on Wednesday. Executive Director Kenneth Roth laid out a long wish-list for the incoming administration, saying he hopes it will join efforts to improve human rights that other countries have been largely shouldering during Trump’s term.

“After four years of Trump’s indifference and often hostility to human rights, including his provoking a mob assault on democratic processes in the Capitol, the Biden presidency provides an opportunity for fundamental change,” Roth said. The comments come as Human Rights Watch issued its annual “World Report 2021” that chronicles concerns about human rights in more than 100 countries around the world. The Trump administration has been outspoken on human rights abuses in places like Venezuela and in particular China, going after



In this Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 file photo, President-elect Joe Biden speaks during an event at The Queen theater in Wilmington, Del., to announce key administration posts.

Associated Press

Beijing for its crackdowns in Tibet, Hong Kong and the western Xinjiang region. But Trump pulled the United States out of the U.N.-backed Human Rights Council more than two years ago, alleging it has an anti-Israel bias and has been too accepting of governments that regularly violate human rights. Under Trump, the “occasional U.S. condemnation

of human rights in places like Venezuela, Cuba or Iran rang hollow when parallel praise was bestowed on the likes of Russia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia...or Israel,” Roth said. “To sum it up, Donald Trump was a disaster for human rights,” he said, while insisting it “would be naive” to treat a Biden presidency as a cure-all. Roth cited past policies like

George W. Bush’s “War on Terror” as well as intensified drone strikes and surveillance under Barack Obama, saying Biden should look to cement human rights into U.S. policy for the long term.

He said Biden should also “allow justice to pursue its course with respect to Trump to show that the president is not above the law, resisting the ‘look forward, not back’ rationale that Obama used to ignore torture under Bush.” Roth said social media platforms “did the right thing, and perhaps even belatedly” by suspending Trump’s accounts, arguing that the president had used them to “encourage white supremacists, to foment hatred, obviously to spread lies about — the big lie about — his supposed electoral win.”

“But most important: To foment the mob that attacked the Capitol,” he added.

Roth said U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres’ term “hasn’t been great” when it comes to human rights, faulting him for not naming perpetrators and speaking more often to condemn rights abuses

more broadly.

“The real test of Guterres’ effectiveness is, you know, does somebody feel the heat from his commentary on human rights?” Roth said. “And the answer generally is no, because he doesn’t name anybody.” He said he hoped governments — especially the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — would “press him on a more outspoken, targeted commitment to human rights.” China and Russia are two of those members — and they often face scrutiny and criticism of advocacy groups like Roth’s.

In a second news conference, Roth had sharp criticism for Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, a Trump ally. Roth said Bolsonaro undermined public health during the pandemic, attacked the Brazilian media and civil society and worked to undermine checks and balances on his authority. Roth suggested the beginning of Biden’s presidency will subject Bolsonaro to more pressure, with the Brazilian facing “tremendous hostility in Washington simply because he represents so much of what Donald Trump represented.” □

## Desecration trial opens over LGBT rainbow put on Polish icon

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Associated Press

**PLOCK, Poland (AP)** — Three human rights activists went on trial Wednesday

in Poland for alleged desecration and offending religious sentiment by adding the LGBT rights movement’s rainbow symbol to posters of a revered

Roman Catholic icon and publicly displaying the altered image, including on garbage bins and mobile toilets.

The activists have said they created posters that used rainbows to replace the halos in the icon of the Black Madonna and baby Jesus to protest what they saw as the hostility of Poland’s influential Catholic Church toward LGBT people.

One of the defendants, Elzbieta Podlesna, said in court Wednesday that their 2019 action in Plock was spurred by an installation at the city’s St. Dominic’s Church that associated LGBT people with crime and negative behavior.

The three don’t deny putting the posters on walls and elsewhere around the

church, but do not admit putting stickers with the image on garbage bins and toilets. They deny wrongdoing.

Polish media identified the other defendants as Anna Prus and Joanna Gzyra-Iskandar.

The activists could face up to two years in prison if convicted on charges of offending religious sentiment and desecration of Poland’s most-revered icon, the Mother of God of Czestochowa, popularly known as the Black Madonna of Czestochowa. The original icon has been housed at the Jasna Gora monastery in the city of Czestochowa since the 14th century.

A group of supporters with rainbow flags and banners reading “The Rainbow

Gives No Offense” gathered outside the court. A verdict was not expected Wednesday.

Podlesna was arrested in an early morning police raid on her apartment in 2019. She was detained for several hours and questioned over the posters of the icon that were placed around Plock. A court later said the detention was unnecessary and ordered damages equaling some \$2,000 be awarded to her. The case has highlighted the clash over social issues in predominantly Catholic Poland. The country’s right-wing government supports laws against insulting religious beliefs and symbols. LGBT rights advocates say the laws are used to stifle human rights and freedom of speech. □



Human rights activists show an altered image with colors symbolizing LGBT rights as they gathered outside the provincial court in Plock, Poland, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021.

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# Colombia struggles to keep social leaders safe

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**BOGOTÁ, Colombia (AP)**

— Just taking a walk in the streets of Colombia's capital can feel dangerous for Luz Nelly Santana.

The Afro-Colombian community leader sometimes she uses a hat or a turban for disguise. She always wears a bulletproof vest. And she's followed by a bodyguard assigned by the government.

"I get death threats on the phone every month," Santana said, "and once a man entered my office and said he was going to kill me."

Santana, who runs an organization that helps community leaders fleeing violence to settle in Bogotá, is one of more than 3,700 activists given some sort of protection from Colombia's government.

The country is widely seen as one of the world's most dangerous places to be a community leader or advocate for human rights or environmental issues. Last year 120 community leaders were murdered in Colombia according to the U.N.'s High Commissioner for Human Rights, up from



Community leader Luz Nelly Santana, whose life has been threatened by illegal armed groups, talks during an interview in Bogotá, Colombia, Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020.

107 a year earlier.

Decades of bloody civil conflict involving government forces, leftist guerrillas, right-wing paramilitaries linked to landowners and powerful drug trafficking groups have created an atmosphere in which many factions feel little hesitation at trying to kill or intimidate those who oppose them. Activists are often targeted for denouncing or being seen to interfere with drug

trafficking or illegal logging or mining, or for trying to protect communities confronting armed gangs.

Santana survived a 1994 massacre in which active guerrillas attacked a street party organized by another leftist faction that was trying to abandon arms and embrace above-ground politics. She and her daughter huddled at home as 35 people were being killed outside, and decided to

flee to the capital where she has lived ever since.

Colombia's Attorney General's Office says most of the attacks in recent years on community leaders have come from drug trafficking groups like the Gulf Clan and elements of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia that broke

off from the guerrilla group after it demobilized following a 2016 peace deal with Colombia's government.

Officials also say that a smaller rebel group, the National Liberation Army, has been involved in attacking social leaders.

"We thought that our situation would improve with the peace deal, but it hasn't turned out that way" said Clemencia Carabalí, an activist in the southwestern province of Cauca who helps mobilize victims of Colombia's conflicts to seek reparations. "Many times I can't even leave my house, and I have to avoid moving around at certain times and going to some places" she said.

Others have taken more extreme measures. Luis Ernesto Olave, from the western province of Choco, said he had to leave Colombia several times after receiving death threats from the National Liberation Army. Now 46, he's spent half of his life promoting human rights and fighting against illegal mining and corruption in his province. □

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## Israelis hold torch-lit protest accusing PM of corruption

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Dozens of Israeli protesters carrying lit torches, megaphones and flags gathered at dawn Wednesday outside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's official residence to highlight his corruption trial, which is set to resume next month.

Police said at least seven demonstrators were arrested for disorderly conduct. The demonstration was organized by Crime Minister, one of several groups that have sprung up in recent months calling for Netanyahu to resign over the trial and his government's handling of the coronavirus.

For months, protesters have held weekly demonstrations outside the prime minister's office and at ma-



An Israeli anti-government protester holds a banner as he is enveloped in the smoke from a bonfire outside of the official residence of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the day his corruption trial was originally scheduled before it was postponed, in Jerusalem, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021. In Hebrew, the sign reads: "Coward! Go to trial!"

Associated Press

for road intersections and bridges across the country. Netanyahu was indicted last year on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust linked to three cor-

ruption cases. He has denied any wrongdoing and accuses the media, law enforcement and judicial officials of waging a "witch hunt" against him. □

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## Covid-19 update Aruba

**ORANJESTAD – Almost a year after the 1st case of Covid-19 hit the island and was completely shut down for 3.5 months, Aruba's tourism and economy is picking up bit by bit. Borders had been reopened for US Travelers, Europeans, and as per December 1st, 2020 we welcomed back our visitors of Latin America, South America and the rest of the Caribbean with the exception of Venezuela. Rules and protocols are being reviewed and evaluated on a daily basis and adapted as per current situation by a crisis team, in order to protect each and every one visiting and inhabiting our island.**

There are currently (January 13th, closing of this edition) 624 active Covid cases on the island. 592 residents and 32 non-residents.

There are 24 persons hospitalized of which 9 of them are in the Intensive care unit. A total of 74,075 persons have been tested of which 45,024 were tested at the airport. 52 persons lost the battle against Covid-19. Due to the amount of increase in cases these last days the Government of Aruba took some additional measurements in order to stop the spread as quickly as possible.

These are the decisions taken by the Government of Aruba up till today:  
For Restaurants:  
Max 4 per table.  
No live musicians/entertainment.  
No musical events that are intended to attract customers.  
Background (non-live) music only in restaurants.  
No dancing.

**Boats on sea:**  
Maximum 4 persons on boats/yachts.  
Avoid social events on boats.

**Gathering Ban:**  
Maximum 2 persons together in public areas.

**Shopping:**  
Only 1 person per family inside stores/supermarkets.  
Masks required inside\*.  
(\*Remember - Resort Elevators & hallways are inside areas)  
Use masks when 1.5 meter is not possible.

**Social events**  
Max 10 inside (if distance is possible) and 25 outside (if distance is possible).  
No contact sports.  
No permits for public events will be granted.  
Police can stop event if there is disorder.

New legal basis for fines is introduced which allows police to act more effectively against violations.

**Still Operative**

- Curfew (TDQ) from 11pm to 5am.
- Business closing time is between 10pm and 6am.
- Hotels and lodgings are exempted from the closing time, BUT only to serve their registered guests between 10pm and 6am.
- Casinos are not part of the exemption and must close at 10pm.
- Ban on beaches and parking from 7pm to 5am.
- (Licensed restaurants on the beach can operate until 10pm - customers to be seated at tables at all times, as per rules).

- Businesses are required to have a compliance officer.
- Business owners are asked to take responsibility for enforcement of rules.

**Advice for travelers**  
Prior to travel, visitors should download the Aruba Department of Public Health's Aruba Health App. A mobile resource for information on COVID-19 health procedures in Aruba, facilitation of the airport health screening, and faster results for Molecular PCR COVID-19 tests taken in Aruba.

Also as of November 1, 2020 a flat premium of \$30 is applicable for new insurance policies for travelers over 14 years old. More information on travel and health requirements can be found on [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com). □

## PCR test required for returning US travelers



**ORANJESTAD — In accordance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Government of the United States of America it is required that all returning travelers present a negative COVID-19 test result prior boarding. This will become effective as of January 26, 2021.**

In the Aruban Government's continuing efforts to provide the safest, seamless and coordinated travel experience possible, the Aruba Tourism Authority would like to inform you that all necessary facilities and procedures are in place for any visitor needing to take a PCR test while in Aruba as a requirement for re-entry to their country/ state of origin.  
Aruba has a modern infrastructure, state-of-the-art hospital and well-equipped medical facilities. Three (3) certified laboratories in Aruba will offer the PCR testing service to outbound travelers. The facilities have ample test kits available and testing is priced between \$75 and \$126. Visitors will find appointments easy to book and the turnaround time for test results is within 24 hours. Between the facilities, visitors will have the option to make an appointment, walk in, or have the test done at their place of stay. It is also very important to remark that the Aruba Visitors Insurance will cover all costs related to a positive Covid-19 results based on this

requirement such as quarantine, isolation and transportation. Cost. The insurance however does not cover the test upon this new requirement.

These are the 3 certified labs where you can conduct your test:

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- 1. Testing is available at visitors accommodation (hotel/ home). Appointment recommended for this service. This service will be free of charge if booked online in advance on [www.covidaruba.com](http://www.covidaruba.com). An extra fee will be applied if the appointment is made on the same day
- 2. Walk-in service accepted at our physical location - No appointment necessary
- Price for the test is \$126. Conduct the test before 11am for same day results.
- MedCare Clinic: medcare.aw - (+297) 280-0630 - Whatsapp (+297) 562-4440 - info@med-care.aw
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For more information go to [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) and click under the health requirements section. □



## Paseo Herencia is always fun and exciting to visit



**PALM BEACH — Paseo Herencia offers a variety of shopping, dining and entertainment options in an outdoor center located in the heart of Palm Beach.**

### Shopping

The Paseo Herencia stores offer a great collection in beach wear, clothing, perfume, shoes, jewelry, souvenirs and much more. Pamper yourself by visiting Maggy's and enjoy their salon services and shop for your favorite beauty products. Aruba Aloe has that perfect gift to bring back home, all made with natural ingredients. Other brand favorites are Tommy Hilfiger, Calvin Klein, Aldo, Carmen Steffens, Quiksilver, Pandora and many more.

### Restaurants

Start with a breakfast meal at Chill Out Island Café for a fluffy souffle pancake with your choice of toppings, breakfast sandwiches or acai bowls plus your favorite bubble tea. TGI Fridays offers the popular American breakfast on Saturday and Sundays. Special includes eggs, toasts, buttermilk pancakes with your choice of sausage or bacon and free coffee refills. Go Argentinian style at Che Bar and try their delicious omelet with chorizo/ham, mozzarella, onions, peppers, and tomatoes served with skillet potatoes and toast.

These restaurants are also open for lunch and dinner and will delight you with unique tastes. Choices run from Argentinian dishes to, Asian/Caribbean, International and Mexican at amongst others Iguana

Cantina. Sip and have a good time at the Bulldog Aruba located in the center of the Plaza. Open till 9pm.

### VIP Cinema

Visit the one-of-a-kind Caribbean Cinemas VIP on the second floor of Paseo



Herencia and enjoy your favorite movies with the latest projection and 7.1 Dolby surround sound with a delicious bag of popcorn.

### Entertainment

Kids can enjoy the Paseo kids' activities, carousel & kiddie train, every day from 6pm to 10pm and do not forget to catch the nightly water shows at 7:30pm, 8:30pm and 9:30pm. An-

other fun activity is the The Range Airsoft Experience located behind The Lazy Turtle. Snap Instagramable pictures at the Angel Wings located between Pandora and Quiksilver and another one in front of TGI Fridays. Catch a live Show on Friday by violinist Angela Flores and Saturday by the acrobatic group Ritmo Cubano at 8pm on the Plaza Padu. With any purchase at Paseo

Herencia you will receive FREE parking in the parking garage. Paseo Herencia has implemented all COVID protocols according to the Aruba Health & Happiness code. It is required to wear face masks when shopping or visiting the mall to ensure a safe environment.

To learn more, visit the Paseo Herencia Facebook or Instagram page. □

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## Today's Happening



# A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



### Thursday 14 Pinchos Grill & Bar

- Enjoy a unique experience during sunset or at night over the clear blue waters of Aruba at this chic grill and bar on a pier. Specialized on Grilled seafood, steaks and much more. All you need is a cocktail, a nice breeze, delicious food and great company!
- 5 PM – 10 PM
- Surfside Marina, Oranjestad
- Facebook: Pinchos Grill & Bar



### Monday 18

#### Taste my Aruba- Sustainable, Sea-to-table Savor

- Taste My Aruba is all about honest food, it is culture. Located at At Padu Lampe Plaza in the heart of Oranjestad you will find the most romantically-lit terrace under a canopy of trees with tables set up for you to indulge in delectable food. Ceviche, Lobster Tower, Grouper Fish Cakes and Lobster Bisque are some of the divine starters. Drunken Shrimp Linguini in Creamy Garlic Sauce or Lobster with Truffle Mash will make you happy. The entire menu improves your mood. But don't worry; there are also options for meat lovers.
- 6 PM - 10 PM
- Plaza Padu Lampe, Oranjestad
- Facebook Taste my Aruba



### Friday 15 Gloria

- Gloria is an entertainment destination. A place for people not only to watch movies but also have a night out whether that is eating dinner at the food court offering P.F. Chang's (Asian food), Italian Mangiamo, enjoying drinks or watching a sport event at the sports bar Sizzle, or do something with your family like see a movie and afterwards go to Starbucks, Lettuce Eat Salad bar and Cold Fusion and for the children there's Play & Stay play court. Gloria has something for everyone.
- Open from 7:00AM – 10PM
- Caya Dr. JEM Arends,
- Facebook Gloria - Movies Dining Entertainment & Play



### Saturday 16 Weekly Specials at Do It Center

- Need to go grocery shopping? Look no further! Go to Do It Center and we assure you will find everything you need under 1 roof. Fresh fruits & vegetables, great meat selection and most important affordable prices. Keep an eye out for their weekly specials.
- 8 AM – 8 PM
- Shaba, Noord
- Facebook Do it Center

### Sunday 17 Aruba Ostrich Farm

- Yes, Aruba has Ostriches and these can be found at the Aruba Ostrich Farm. Tours available every 30 min where you will be able to feed the ostriches. Also grab a bite at the bar or take home a memory from the souvenir art shop.
- 9 AM – 4 PM
- Aruba Ostrich Farm (Matividiri 57)
- Facebook Aruba Ostrich Farm



### Tuesday 19

#### "Un tiki di Aruba" virtual expo by Unoca Cares 2

- "Un tiki di Aruba" - "A little bit of Aruba" is the art expo presented by local artist Natascha de la Fuente. This expo is virtually presented by Unoca cares 2 as a guided tour. Just click on 'Start Event' enable the audio and press play. Sit back, relax and enjoy the many beautiful paintings presented by this very talented artist.
- Everyday till January 24th, 2021
- Oranjestad
- Facebook Unoca Cares 2



### Wednesday 20

#### Chef's Garden by Papillon

- Sometimes combining the best of the best is a matter of all things falling into place. The stage: an Aruban cunucu house creating a magical ambiance. The play: The Secret Garden; a 6-course culinary voyage by a Michelin-trained chef from Belgium, Griet Vanbrabant. The content: 100% local products from local farmers tuned into the most amazing dishes.
- From 7 PM – 10 PM, every Wednesday
- In-home dining setting in the heart of Aruba
- Facebook: The Secret Garden Aruba



# Trump business backlash part of 'cancel culture,' son says

By **BERNARD CONDON**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The PGA canceled its tournament at his golf course. Banks say they won't lend to him anymore. New York City is looking to end his contract to operate the Central Park skating rink.

Hits to President Donald Trump's business empire since the deadly riots at the U.S. Capitol are part of a liberal "cancel culture," his son, Eric, told The Associated Press on Tuesday, saying his father will leave the presidency with a powerful brand backed by millions of voters who will follow him "to the ends of the Earth."

"We live in the age of cancel culture, but this isn't something that started this week. It is something that they have been doing to us and others for years," said Trump, who along with his brother, Donald Jr., have been running the family company since their father took office four years ago. "If you disagree with them, if they don't like you, they try and cancel you."

The remarks in an extended interview to the AP come amid an extraordinary backlash against the Trump Organization after thousands of the president's supporters stormed the Capitol last week in a violent riot seeking to keep lawmakers from confirming Joe Biden's presidential



In this Tuesday, March 15, 2016, file photo, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks to supporters at his primary election night event at his Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Fla. Associated Press

election victory.

Amid accusations Trump incited the mob, the PGA of America voted to strip its namesake championship from Trump's Bedminster, New Jersey, golf course next year, a British golf organization said the British Open will not be played at a Trump property in the "foreseeable future," the e-commerce company Shopify stopped helping run the online Trump Store, and New York City announced it was looking to cancel contracts with Trump for skating rinks and a golf course in the Bronx.

"The president incited a rebellion against the United

States government, a clearly unconstitutional act," Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "That's unforgivable. And potentially most troubling of all, several banks, including one of his biggest lenders, Deutsche Bank, have reportedly said they would no longer lend to Trump's company, raising the prospect that the president may have to dig into his own pockets to pay off his loans if he can't refinance. "We witnessed the president of the United States encouraging the rioters and refraining from calling in the National Guard to protect the Congress in its performance of duty,"

said one bank that cut ties, New York's Signature Bank, once so close to Trump it put his daughter Ivanka on its board.

Eric Trump seemed unruffled but combative as he spoke by phone from his office in Trump Tower. He dismissed the hits as no big threat to a company that has minimal debt — \$400 million against billions in assets — and can always tap its vast real estate holdings for cash, not to mention the allegiance of those sticking by the president.

"You have a man who would get followed to the ends of the Earth by a hundred million Americans,"

Eric Trump said. "He created the greatest political movement in American history and his opportunities are endless."

That upbeat assessment notwithstanding, the limited data available for his private company suggest the Trump Organization's golf properties, as well as other parts of his businesses, may be struggling.

Its two Scottish golf courses have been losing money for years, it had to furlough more than 1,000 workers last year due to the coronavirus, prices of condos in Trump residential buildings have fallen sharply and the company has been unsuccessful in its plans to sell one of its most celebrated properties, the Trump International Hotel in Washington D.C. One person who does business with members at Trump's golf club in Bedminster said several members are thinking of freezing their membership after the Capitol riots, and that getting new members to join will be difficult.

"They don't want to be publicly shamed for being a member of his golf club," said the person, who requested anonymity because he doesn't want to lose his clients' business. "Do you think a guy who works for a financial firm or a drug company wants to see his picture in the paper?" □

## Sephora to fight against racial bias with an action plan

By **ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**

**AP Retail Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Beauty retailer Sephora plans to increase the diversity in its product offerings and offer more inclusive marketing as part of a wide-reaching plan to combat racially biased experiences and unfair treatment for its customers. The plan, announced Wednesday, follows the results of a study commissioned by Sephora that took an in-depth look at racial bias in the U.S. retail shopping experience. The study, based on a combination of employee and shopper surveys and



In this Wednesday, May 16, 2018, file photo, pedestrians walk past a Sephora and Footlocker store in New York.

Associated Press

academic research, began in the fall of 2019 and ended in late 2020. It found that 2 in 5 U.S. retail shoppers have personally experienced unfair treatment

on the basis of their race or skin tone. It also found that Black shoppers are more likely than white shoppers to receive unfair treatment based on their skin color.

The issue of racial bias has taken on more importance for companies in the wake of nationwide protests over police brutality last summer after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

As part of the plan, Sephora, a division of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE, plans to double the assortment of Black-owned brands to 16 by the end of 2021. It will also prominently feature and advertise Black-owned brands through a dedicated tab on the Sephora website, which is already in progress. It also plans to roll out a new greeting system for

shoppers across all stores to ensure a more consistent experience.

Among other changes: Sephora will also reduce the presence of third-party security officers at its 500 U.S. stores and use more in-house specialists, with the goal of minimizing shoppers' concerns about policing.

"We know we are in a strong position to influence positive changes in the retail industry and society at large and it's our responsibility to step up," said Jean-Andre Rougeot, president and CEO of Sephora Americas, in a statement. □



# Environmentalists fight move to reduce beetle's protections

By JOSH FUNK

Associated Press

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** — An environmental group said Tuesday that it plans to sue the U.S. government over a decision to reclassify a large scavenging beetle as threatened instead of endangered.

The Arizona-based Center for Biological Diversity said it will sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services over its move last fall to list the American burying beetle as threatened. It had been considered an endangered species since 1989, and the location of its habitat in Plains states created issues for the Keystone XL oil pipeline and other oil and gas projects.

"Far from having recovered, this striking orange-and-black beetle is facing dire threats from climate change and habitat destruction," said attorney Kristine Akland with the center. Akland said the rule change was a result of pressure from the oil and



In a June 26, 2018, file photo, Lou Perrotti lets an American burying beetle crawl on his hand.

Associated Press

gas industry.

Federal officials have said that conservation efforts over the past three decades have helped the beetle's population recover, and it can now be found in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Okla-

homa, Rhode Island, South Dakota and on Nantucket Island off the coast of Massachusetts. At the time the beetle was termed endangered, it was found only in small populations in eastern Oklahoma and Block Island off the coast of Rhode Is-

land.

Fish and Wildlife Services spokeswoman Lesli Gray said the agency "used the best available science in its decision to downlist the American burying beetle." She declined to comment about the threatened

lawsuit because officials haven't had a chance to review it.

The agency has acknowledged that the beetle continues to face threats from climate change and land use changes, but officials have said the beetle no longer meets the definition of endangered.

Over the years, the oil and gas industry has borne significant costs to protect the beetle and other endangered species. The large, black, nocturnal beetle has hardened protective wing covers marked by two scalloped shaped orange patterns.

The beetles are scavengers that eat decaying animals. They lay their eggs beside a small carcass that they bury, then feed their larvae from that carcass.

Mallori Miller with the Independent Petroleum Association of America trade group said she is confident the new threatened listing for the beetle will be upheld. □

## ICheers! French wine, vines headed home after year in space



In this Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019 photo provided by Space Cargo Unlimited, researchers from the company prepare bottles of French red wine to be flown from Wallops Island, Va., to the International Space Station.

Associated Press

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)**

— The International Space Station bid adieu Tuesday to 12 bottles of French Bordeaux wine and hundreds of snippets of grapevines that spent a year orbiting the world in the name of science.

SpaceX's Dragon cargo capsule undocked with the wine and vines — and thousands of pounds of other gear and research, including mice — and aimed for a splashdown Wednesday night in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Tampa. The Atlantic had been targeted, but poor weather shifted the arrival to Florida's other side. SpaceX's supply ships previously parachuted into the Pacific. The carefully packed wine — each bottle nestled inside a steel cylinder to prevent breakage — remained corked aboard the orbiting lab. Space Cargo Unlimited, a Luxembourg startup behind

the experiments, wanted the wine to age for an entire year up there. None of the bottles will be opened until the end of February. That's when the company will pop open a bottle or two for an out-of-this-world wine tasting in Bordeaux by some of France's top connoisseurs and experts. Months of chemical testing will follow. Researchers are eager to see how space altered the sedimentation and bubbles.

Agricultural science is the primary objective, stresses Nicolas Gaume, the company's CEO and co-founder, although he admits it will be fun to sample the wine. He'll be among the lucky few taking a sip.

"Our goal is to tackle the solution of how we're going to have an agriculture tomorrow that is both organic and healthy and able to feed humanity, and we think space has the key," Gaume said from Bordeaux.

With climate change, Gau-

me said agricultural products like grapes will need to adapt to harsher conditions. Through a series of space experiments, Space Cargo Unlimited hopes to take what's learned by stressing the plants in weightlessness and turn that into more robust and resilient plants on Earth.

There's another benefit. Gaume expects future explorers to the moon and Mars will want to enjoy some of Earth's pleasures.

"Being French, it's part of life to have some good food and good wine," he told The Associated Press.

Gaume said private investors helped fund the experiments. He declined to provide the project cost.

The wine hitched a ride to the space station in November 2019 aboard a Northrop Grumman supply ship. The 320 Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon vine snippets, called canes in the grape-growing business, were launched by SpaceX last March. □

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# 'Wildly silly,' perceptive Amber Ruffin earns TV spotlight

By LYNN ELBER

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — If you're someday in need of a plus-one to liven an unpromising party, consider Amber Ruffin. In fact, skip the party and just hang with Ruffin, whose weekly comedy show is proving her to be excellent company. Ruffin's exuberant charm can and should lure you in to Peacock's weekly "The Amber Ruffin Show," but expect humor that's incisive and impressively deft, including on race, politics and the sunny side of life, such as it is.

A memorable moment from Ruffin's show last fall was a lullaby she sang oh-so-sweetly: "The sun has set, it's time to go to bed. Brush your teeth and rest your sleepy head. When you wake in the morning, you'll rise and do your best. Then in November, your vote will be suppressed." Trained in improv and a writer on NBC's "Late Night with Seth Meyers" since 2014, Ruffin was ready for her star turn on Peacock: The streaming service ordered 10 additional episodes of the weekly show that debuted last fall, with new half-hours released on Fridays.

Ruffin easily shifts from "wildly silly to incredibly insightful and moving," Meyers said. "There are very few people that can swing back and



This image released by Peacock shows Amber Ruffin from the comedy series "The Amber Ruffin Show," available on the Peacock streaming service.

forth as ably as Amber can, and that's been on full display on our show and even more so on hers."

Tarik Davis, her longtime comedy partner and an actor and singer, is Ruffin's game sidekick through jokes, skits and duets.

The Omaha, Nebraska, native spoke with The Associated Press about her start in entertainment, how she and other Black women are making their mark, and the book Ruffin wrote with her sister, Lacey Lamar, about routine brushes with racism — and yes, "You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey" is funny as well as eye-opening. The

interview has been edited for clarity and length.

**AP:** What pulled you out of your hometown and to Chicago to pursue a career in comedy?

**Ruffin:** I used to improvise in Omaha and it was very fun, and we would go to Chicago to do the Chicago Improv Festival, which was a big deal. You set to see real improvisers you only ever heard stories about. So one year I'm there and Charna Halpern, who runs the iO Theater in Chicago, said, 'If you move here, you'll have a full-time job within a year.' And she was right, I did.

**AP:** Did you know what

your ultimate goal was?

**Ruffin:** Everything that happens to me is a surprise. I did not see myself ever going to New York. And when I got this job writing for Seth, I knew people wrote for late-night shows, but you just don't hear a lot about that and certainly don't hear about Black people doing it, so it just didn't occur to me that it was a thing. Then when I got this job, I thought, 'Oh, I'm just never going to know what is the next thing.' I don't try to guess and I don't try to plan anything. But I have to be trying to do a very good job, because it seems like that what's driving every-

thing is my working hard and hopefully doing a good job.

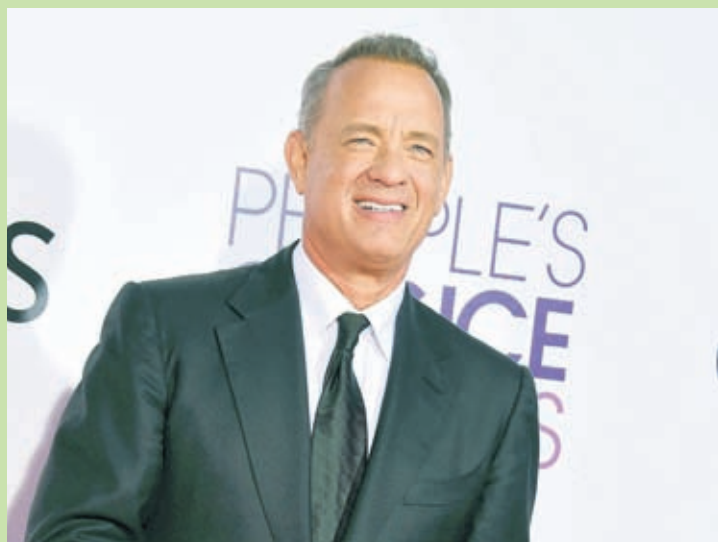
**AP:** Amid demands for diversity, a number of Black women are coming into their own as successful writers, producers and performers, including you, Robin Thede and Issa Rae. Why do you think that's the case?

**Ruffin:** Most of the Black women I know take care of what is wrong, and no matter what their job is, they're doing four people's jobs. They're always making sure that everything's taken care of, and when no one else will do it, it falls to us. I think once people started hiring Black women to write on shows, they realized we won't just take care of the things you asked us to hand in. We'll produce the (expletive) out of stuff. I think people are slowly realizing that is Black women behavior, and then once you put some money behind it, whoa, baby, we'll do all the work.

**AP:** Your sister has made a habit of keeping notes on her encounters with racism, at work and elsewhere. How did you decide that would make for a book?

**Ruffin:** When something racist happens to her, she calls me on the phone, and she'll be telling the story and I'll be doubled over laughing and crying because it's hilarious. □

## Tom Hanks heads TV special celebrating Biden's inauguration



In this Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, file photo, Tom Hanks arrives at the People's Choice Awards at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

By MARK KENNEDY

AP Entertainment Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Tom Hanks will host a 90-minute primetime TV special celebrating the inauguration of Joe Biden as president of the United States, with performances by Justin Timberlake, Jon Bon Jovi, Demi Lovato and Ant Clemons. "I was left speechless when I was asked to perform!" Lovato wrote on Instagram. Clemons was also effusive: "To say that this is a dream come true, would be an understatement!" Timberlake said he and Clemons would perform their new

song "Better Days," adding: "This song was our way of doing what little we could to encourage everyone to stay hopeful."

The special will be broadcast live on ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC and MSNBC beginning at 8:30 p.m. ET on Jan. 20. It will also be streamed live on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Twitch, Amazon Prime Video, Microsoft Bing, NewsNOW, DirectTV and U-verse.

According to producers, the show "will showcase the American people's resilience, heroism, and unified commitment to com-

ing together as a nation to heal and rebuild."

The inauguration will look different from other presidential inaugurations because of last week's riot at the U.S. Capitol. Security will be extremely tight around the area.

The event was already going to be pared down because of COVID-19; Biden had asked supporters to say home and watch from afar. In keeping with crowd size restrictions to slow the spread of the virus, traditional activities like the parade and the inaugural balls will be virtual. □



# Embiid scores 45, Mathias' OT 3 lifts 76ers over Heat

By The Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Joel Embiid had 45 points and 16 rebounds, Dakota Mathias' only basket of the game was a go-ahead 3-pointer with 26.1 seconds left and the Philadelphia 76ers hung on to beat the undermanned Miami Heat 137-134 in overtime on Tuesday night.

Embiid had one of the great games of his career and carried the Sixers with a perfect third quarter and clutch buckets in OT to put them on the brink of victory. Mathias, who went undrafted in 2018 and signed this season with the Sixers as a two-day G League player, got the ball from the top of the arc and buried it for the 134-132 lead. Tyler Herro helped the Heat overcome Embiid's dominant effort when his 3-pointer tied the game 115-all with 2:25 left. Precious Achiuwa scored two straight baskets -- the first off Philly's shot clock violation, then off a turnover -- for a 119-115 lead.

Embiid buried the pull-up jumper just inside the 3-point arc with 3.3 seconds left that tied it 120-120 and sent the game into overtime.

**NETS 122, NUGGETS 116**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Kevin Durant had 34 points, 13 assists and nine rebounds,



Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid, center, battles with Miami Heat's Precious Achiuwa, left, for a loose ball as 76ers' Isaiah Joe, right, tries to help during overtime of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

Bruce Brown made a huge contribution while starting for the absent Kyrie Irving, and Brooklyn rallied from 18 down to beat Denver.

Brown scored 16 points, including the tying and go-ahead baskets down the stretch. Durant followed with Brooklyn's next six points, including a 3-pointer that essentially put it away at 120-113 with 27 seconds to play.

Nikola Jokic had 23 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for the Nuggets,

who were trying to sweep a three-game road trip. Caris LeVert added 20 points for the Nets.

**LAKERS 117, ROCKETS 100**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — LeBron James scored 26 points in just more than three quarters and Los Angeles never trailed in a rout.

Anthony Davis added 19 points and 10 rebounds in three quarters to help the Lakers to their second straight blowout over the Rockets after a 120-102 victory Sunday night.

Los Angeles led by 20 or more for most of the game on a night James Harden made just 5 of 16 shots and the Rockets were out-rebounded 55-42.

Christian Wood had 18 points and eight rebounds and Harden had 16 points, seven rebounds and six assists in a game where none of Houston's starters played in the fourth quarter.

**SPURS 112, THUNDER 102**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — Lonnie Walker IV scored 24 points and San Antonio fin-

ished a five-game trip with four wins.

Keldon Johnson added 18 points for the Spurs, who won their 2,200th game since joining the NBA in 1976. The Spurs committed a season-low four turnovers.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander led Oklahoma City with 20 points while Hamidou Diallo scored 16. The Thunder are 0-4 this season at Chesapeake Energy Arena but 5-1 on the road. Oklahoma City's next three games are at home.

**PACERS 104, WARRIORS 95**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Myles Turner made a go-ahead 3-pointer with 2:59 to play and scored 22 points as Indiana stymied Golden State.

The Pacers kept Stephen Curry in check by regularly playing him with a tough box-and-1 defense, though the two-time MVP still had 20 points.

Justin Holiday also hit a key 3 late to help Indiana bounce back from a loss at Sacramento a night earlier. Andrew Wiggins scored 22 points as the Warriors concluded a 4-3 homestand, their longest of the season. Wiggins also blocked a career-best five shots.

Turner had 11 rebounds and four blocks for the Pacers. □

# Not only goalies wear masks: NHL coaches must cover faces

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

Winnipeg coach Paul Maurice struggled to blow a whistle while wearing a mask. Barry Trotz couldn't see if one of his New York Islanders players was skating toward him because his mask had helped fog up his glasses.

One of the new challenges for NHL coaches this season is the requirement to wear a mask behind the bench during games and on the ice for practices. Now that goaltenders won't be the only masked men around the rink, coaches will learn and adjust on the fly like those in other sports have had to in recent months.

"Just being around the rink

all day wearing one is an adjustment, but we'll work it out," Joel Quenneville of the Florida Panthers said. "Sometimes when you really want to get your point across, you might have to pull your mask down to make yourself clear. But I've never changed lines with a face mask on."

Hockey coaches are more responsible than their counterparts in baseball, football or basketball to bark out directions in real time at a fast pace, which makes this an even steeper learning curve. Get ready for loud yelling and maybe a few more bench minor penalties for too many men on the ice.

"I used to have a big mous-

tache, maybe that was kind of like a mask," Dave Tippett of the Edmonton Oilers said. "I'm a mumblar at the best of times. You'll have to be really clear with who's going on line changes."

One thing that's clear is most coaches won't complain about the extra safety measure to prevent virus spread. Quenneville and his staff have talked about NFL coaches being fined for not wearing face coverings correctly and how they've adapted.

Commissioner Gary Bettman told coaches and executives that protocols "are not a suggestion or a recommendation" and the NHL "will vigorously enforce



Carolina Hurricanes coach Rod Brind'Amour conducts drills during NHL hockey training camp in Morrisville, N.C., Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021.

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them."

"I'm going to have to do my absolute best to make sure it stays on and stays right," D.J. Smith of the Ot-

tawa Senators said. "Ultimately the league's doing it for a reason, and it's the safety, and I'll abide by all the rules." □



## Brady vs. Brees: A matchup for the ages and aged



Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady (12), left, throws a pass during the second half of an NFL wild-card playoff football game against the Washington Football Team, Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, in Landover, Md.; and New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9), right, reacts after a touchdown by Alvin Kamara in the second half of an NFL wild-card playoff football game against the Chicago Bears in New Orleans, Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021.

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By **JOSH DUBOW**  
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL has never seen a playoff matchup quite like the upcoming one between Tom Brady's Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Drew Brees' New Orleans Saints. A pair of quarterbacks in their 40s still thriving on the playoff stage at an age when nearly every other great passer in NFL history was already enjoying retirement.

Brees will take the field for the Saints on Sunday two days after turning 42 as the young gun in this matchup against the 43-year-old Brady, who has shattered nearly every record for longevity in the NFL.

Brees has thrown for more yards than any QB in the regular season with 80,358 and ranks second in TD passes with 571. Brady

holds the mark for touchdowns with 581 and trails only Brees in yardage with 79,204.

This marks just the second time since at least 1950 that the NFL's top two players in career yards passing will meet in the playoffs.

Second-ranked John Elway's Denver Broncos beat then-leader Dan Marino and the Dolphins 38-3 in the divisional round following the 1998 season.

This will be the first time since at least 1950 that the two career leaders in TD passes will meet in the postseason.

The combined age of the starting quarterbacks will be an NFL-record 85, surpassing the 84 from their two starts in the regular season this season. The previous playoff record for combined age of starting QBs

was 78 when 41-year-old Brady outdueled 37-year-old Philip Rivers two years ago in the divisional round. Brady, who is seeking his record seventh Super Bowl title and 10th appearance, has already lapped the field when it comes to playoff wins.

He won his 31st postseason start last week and can double second-place Joe Montana's career total of 16 this week. Brady's 75 TD passes in the playoffs are already 30 more than Montana had.

**THIRD TIME'S A CHARM:** It turns out it's easier to beat the same team three times in a season than it is to win in the playoffs after getting swept in the regular season. The Saints-Bucs game marks the 23rd postseason matchup in the Super Bowl era after one team swept

the season series like New Orleans did against Tampa Bay.

The team that swept the regular season series won 14 of the previous 22 matchups, which bodes well for the Saints this week. The Saints were on the right side of one of these matchups the last time it happened, beating Carolina 31-26 in the wild-card round after sweeping the Panthers in the 2017 regular season.

The last time a team reversed a regular season sweep in the playoffs came in the 2007 playoffs when the Giants did it against Dallas in a postseason run all too familiar to Brady. Eli Manning and New York then won the NFC title game in Green Bay and beat Brady and the Patriots in the Super Bowl, spoil-

ing New England's bid for a perfect 19-0 season.

**YOUNG GUNS:** While the old guys are dominating the NFC playoffs, the AFC is highlighting the next generation of star quarterbacks. When Buffalo hosts Baltimore on Saturday night it will be a matchup of a pair of 24-year-old quarterbacks in Josh Allen of the Bills and Lamar Jackson of the Ravens.

The quarterbacks taking the field the next day in Kansas City are each a year older with Patrick Mahomes of the Chiefs facing Cleveland's Baker Mayfield. This will be the first time a conference will have four quarterbacks age 25 or younger start on same the weekend of the playoffs.

**STREAKING:** The Ravens had one impressive streak extended last week while another was snapped.

J.K. Dobbins ran for a TD in his seventh straight game in Baltimore's 20-13 win over Tennessee, tied for the second longest streak ever for a rookie. Only Jacksonville's Maurice Jones-Drew has a longer one, having done it eight games in a row in 2006.

Ravens kicker Justin Tucker missed a 52-yard field goal in the fourth quarter of the win over the Titans, ending his streak of 48 consecutive made field goals in the fourth quarter and overtime in the regular season and playoffs. □

## AP Exclusive: MLB suspends political donations after DC riot



In this Feb. 14, 2020, file photo, baseballs occupy a bucket after use during fielding practice during spring training baseball workouts for pitchers and catchers at Cleveland Indians camp in Avondale, Ariz.

Associated Press

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AP Sports Writer  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Major League Baseball is suspending all political contri-

butions in the wake of last week's invasion of the U.S. Capitol by a mob loyal to President Donald Trump, joining a wave of major

corporations rethinking their efforts to lobby Washington. "In light of the unprecedented events last week at the U.S. Capitol, MLB is suspending contributions from its Political Action Committee pending a review of our political contribution policy going forward," the league said in a statement to The Associated Press on Wednesday. Following the insurrection last week by Trump supporters while Congress attempted to certify the results of the presidential election, many companies have said they will

avoid making donations to members of the House and Senate who voted to overturn President-elect Joe Biden's victory over Trump. Others, like MLB, have postponed political giving to both political parties altogether. MLB is the first of the major professional sports leagues to say it would alter its lobbying strategy in the wake of the deadly Capitol riots. The Office of The Commissioner of Major League Baseball Political Action Committee has donated \$669,375 to Senate and House candidates since

the 2016 election cycle, with 52.4% of that money going to Republican candidates, according to The Center for Responsive Politics.

Among its lobbying successes was a bill in 2018 that exempted minor league baseball players making as little as \$5,500 per season from federal minimum wage laws, preempting a lawsuit from three players filed four years earlier. The "Save America's Pastime Act" appeared on page 1,967 of a \$1.3 trillion spending bill. □